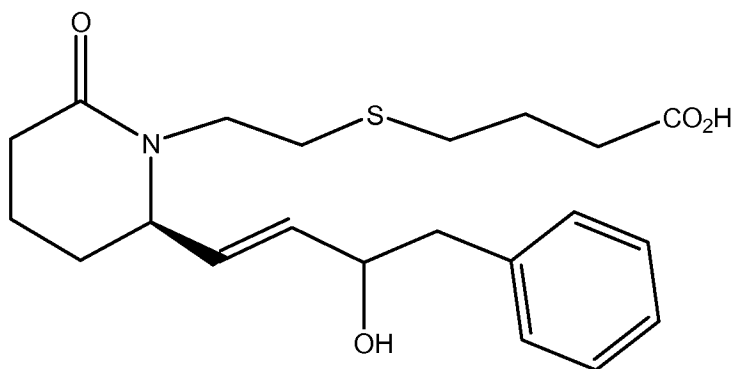


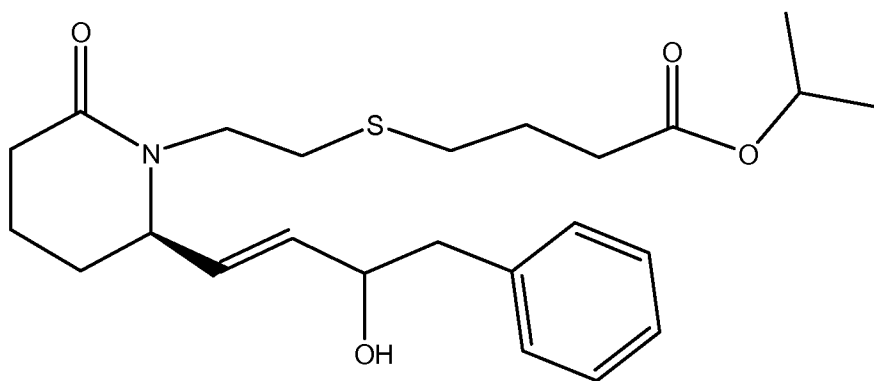
Claims 1-2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 2 comprising



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an ester prodrug thereof.

Claim 4 (Original) The compound of claim 3 consisting of



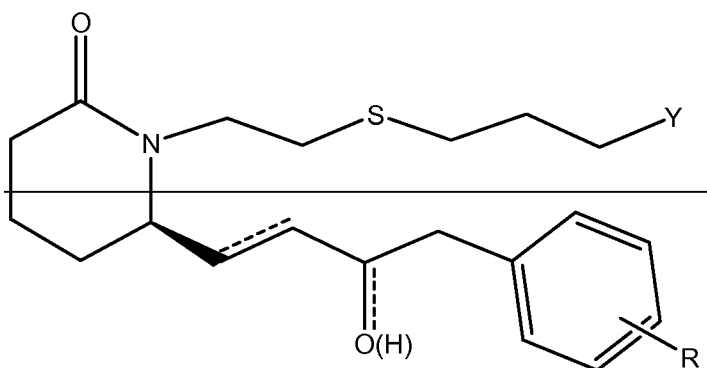
Claims 5-6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 comprising  
 4-{2-[(R)-2-((E)-3-Hydroxy-4-phenyl-but-1-enyl)-6-oxo-piperidin-1-yl]-  
 ethylsulfanyl}-butyric acid methyl ester, or  
 4-{2-[(R)-2-((E)-3-Hydroxy-4-phenyl-but-1-enyl)-6-oxo-piperidin-1-yl]-  
 ethylsulfanyl}-butyric acid,  
 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an ester prodrug thereof.

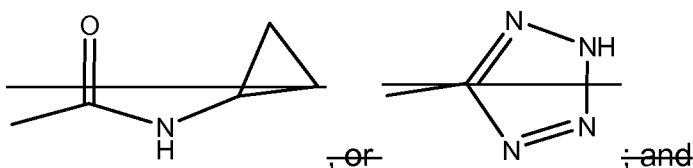
Claim 8 (Original) The compound of claim 1 consisting of

4-{2-[(R)-2-((E)-3-Hydroxy-4-phenyl-but-1-enyl)-6-oxo-piperidin-1-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-butyric acid methyl ester, or  
 4-{2-[(R)-2-((E)-3-Hydroxy-4-phenyl-but-1-enyl)-6-oxo-piperidin-1-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-butyric acid.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A method comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 3 to a mammal, said method being effective in treating glaucoma, ~~or preventing glaucoma in individuals with ocular hypertension~~, or treating intraocular hypertension, ~~wherein said compound comprises~~



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a prodrug thereof,  
 wherein a dashed line indicates the presence or absence of a bond, and an (H)  
 represents a hydrogen atom which is present if required by said bond;  
 Y is selected from the group consisting of ~~CO<sub>2</sub>H, CONMe<sub>2</sub>, CONHMe, CONHEt,~~  
~~CON(OCH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>3</sub>, CONH<sub>2</sub>, CON(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sub>2</sub>, CONH(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH), CH<sub>2</sub>OH,~~  
~~P(O)(OH)<sub>2</sub>, CONHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NH(CH<sub>3</sub>),~~



R is selected from the group consisting of ~~C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, halogen,~~  
~~CO<sub>2</sub>H, OH, COH, COCH<sub>3</sub>, COCF<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, CN, and CF<sub>3</sub>.~~

Claim 10 (Cancelled)